

Pedestrian May Be Right-- Dead Right

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Almost every day in the year Los Angeles County chalks up an average of one pedestrian death. In fact, pedestrian fatalities accounted for almost 40 percent of all traffic deaths in this area last year.

The number of these deaths caused by carelessness of pedestrians themselves is not recorded in the coroner's record, but the National Safety Council reports that for the nation as a whole three out of four pedestrians killed in traffic accidents were themselves doing something unsafe, if not actually violating a specific traffic regulation.

Example Given

A good example of what is meant by this statement is the all too familiar case of the pedestrian who knows that when a driver stops to let him cross the street at an intersection all other drivers traveling in the same direction in parallel lanes must also stop even though they might not see him. As this person walks briskly in front of the first car and is struck down by a car in the parallel lane, he has not violated a traffic regulation, but he has certainly violated one of the fundamental rules of traffic safety.

An accident of this kind does certainly not excuse the driver who hits the person on foot, but it does indicate that the pedestrian should have been educated to the fact that it takes more than traffic regulations to prevent traffic injuries or fatalities.

In relation to this type of accident, it has been said more than once by very competent drivers that on fast boulevards they almost hesitate to stop for a pedestrian, especially a child, and motion him to pass in front of the car because they wonder whether or not he will carelessly step into the path of another driver who will fall to stop in a parallel lane.

"Didn't See Him"

About half of all fatal accidents to pedestrians happen after dark. The most common statement made by the driver of the car involved is that he did not see the person until it was too late. Many of these fatalities could be prevented if a pedestrian would but remember that a driver cannot see him as easily as he can see the lights of the car. Wearing or carrying something white is of course an added protection that has saved many a life. At night there are more tired or sleepy drivers on the streets as well as more drivers who have been drinking than there are in the daytime. If people on foot remembered this fact and acted accordingly, there would be fewer pedestrian deaths.

The fact that three out of four pedestrians killed in traffic accidents were themselves doing something unsafe seems to indicate that driver education should be supplemented with

Cast for Coming South Bay Civic Musical Revealed

Dick Williams, veteran South Bay Civic Light Opera Association member, has been given the leading role of Peter Styuyessant in the group's next musical, "Knickerbocker Holiday," the casting committee announced Tuesday.

Styuyessant, the famous peleg Governor of New Amsterdam in the Kurt Well-Maxwell Anderson musical play, was made famous on Broadway by Walter Houston's rendition of the haunting "September Song."

Cast in the role of Washington Irving, narrator of the story, is Harry Farley, and Van Pinney and Patsy Bangs have been given the other leading roles in the musical.

Pinney and Miss Bangs will play the parts of the troubled young lovers Brom Broeck and Tina Tenhoven.

Musical Director Melville H. Tully announced that the show has been set for a mid-summer opening and stated: "The colorful musical is the carefree story of early New Amsterdam as envisioned by one of America's foremost tellers of tales—Washington Irving. This delightful parody of American life promises to be another entertaining 'family' show for South Bay audiences."

Dick Bonham of Hollywood Riviera has been cast as Herr Scheschmahorn and opposite him, as Madame Scheschmahorn, will be Betty Jo Gardner.

FODDER PLANT
Corn cannot be grown in England except as a green fodder plant.

Chairman Asks For 'Salvage Week' Donations

Castoff articles in Torrance can make a new life for homeless and handicapped men, according to J. Hugh Sherthey Jr., chairman of the citizens' committee for the annual Salvation Army Salvage Week campaign here.

During the drive, April 12-17, a special fleet of Salvation Army Red Shield trucks will call at homes and offices to collect discarded but still usable articles of request to the Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

Brigadier Gifford pointed out that the discarded articles provide the only means by which the Salvation Army can continue its program of social rehabilitation.

The center last year provided an all-time high of 261,640 hours of occupational therapy, 55,704 meals and 19,092 lodgings, according to the report of Brigadier Ranson D. Gifford, manager. In addition to the regular program, thousands of dollars were given in direct relief—food, clothing and household articles—to needy families.

Nutrition Expert To Give Lecture

Nutrition expert Gladys Lindberg will present the fourth in a series of six lectures on practical nutrition Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Torrance Elementary School auditorium as part of the Adult Education curriculum.

Her topic will be "Functions and Food Sources of Vitamins," and under this heading, she will explain the part that vitamins play in the body's metabolism, tell foods that are rich in essential vitamins and how to avoid loss of these vital nutrients by proper food preparation.

Trout Planted By Plane

Catchable-sized trout can be planted from an airplane, recent experiments by the California Department of Fish and Game have shown.

Flying at a scant 200-foot elevation, Warden-Plilot Al Reese dropped 200 six to ten-inch rainbows in a six foot deep pond at the Department's Central Valley hatchery at Elk Grove, Sacramento County. Reese has been planting fingerlings in remote mountain lakes for several years, but this was his first official attempt with the larger fish.

State Lousy With Fowl

Federal and State wildlife workers have completed the annual census of the waterfowl wintering in California, and report that there were at least 5,825,000 ducks, geese, swans, and coots in the state on Jan. 2 and 3.

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